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OUR SPACED OUT SPEEDSTER MEETS THE PARENTS—
TAILS' PARENTS—
IN THE LAST PLACE HE EVER EXPECTED!
IT'S THE ANSWER TO THE SONICVERSE'S BIGGEST MYSTERY—
DON'T MISS
"WELCOME TO WHEELWORLD!"
AS
"TOSSED IN SPACE"
CONCLUDES!
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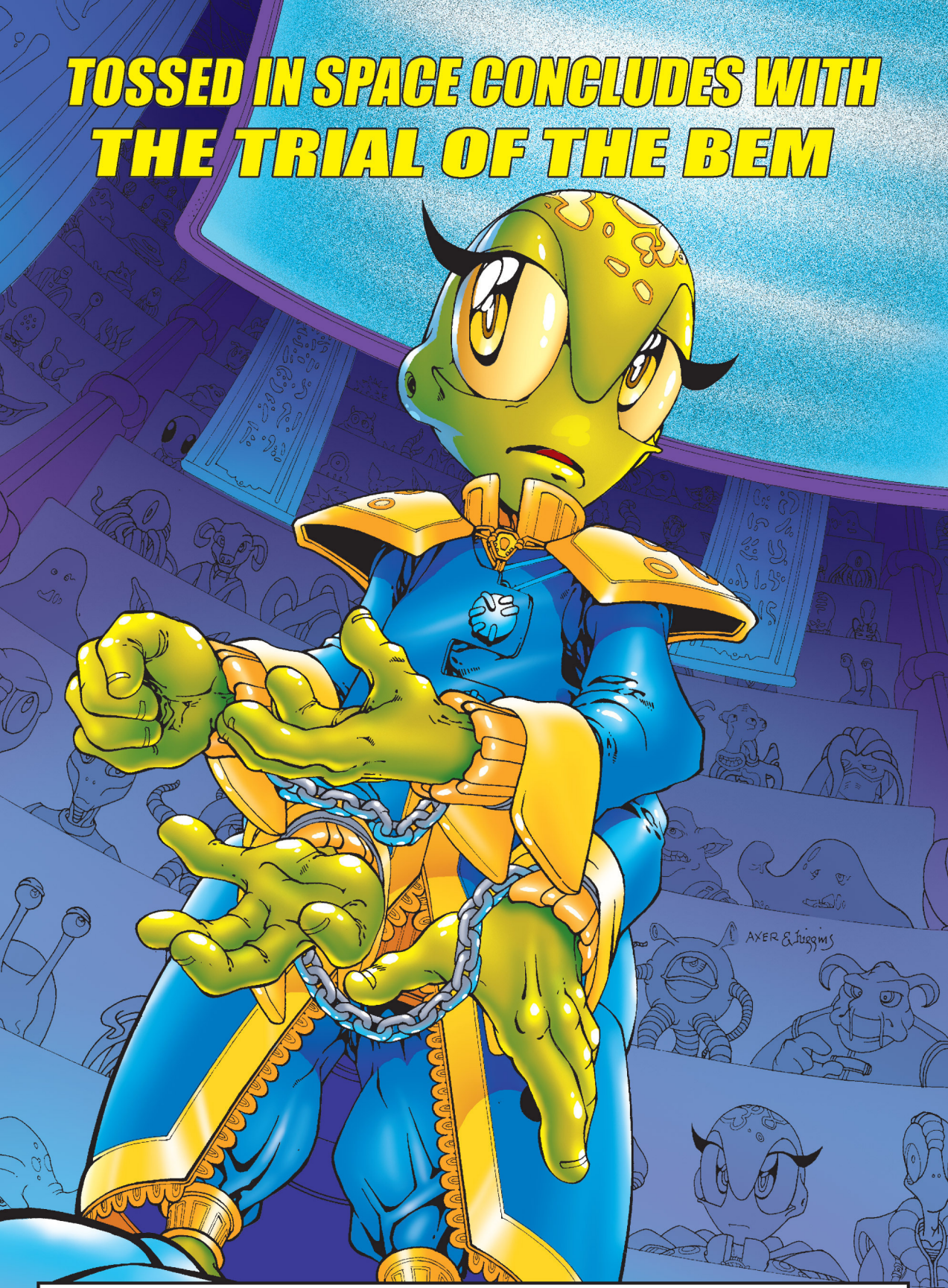
TOSSED IN SPACE CONCLUDES WITH THE TRIAL OF THE BEM



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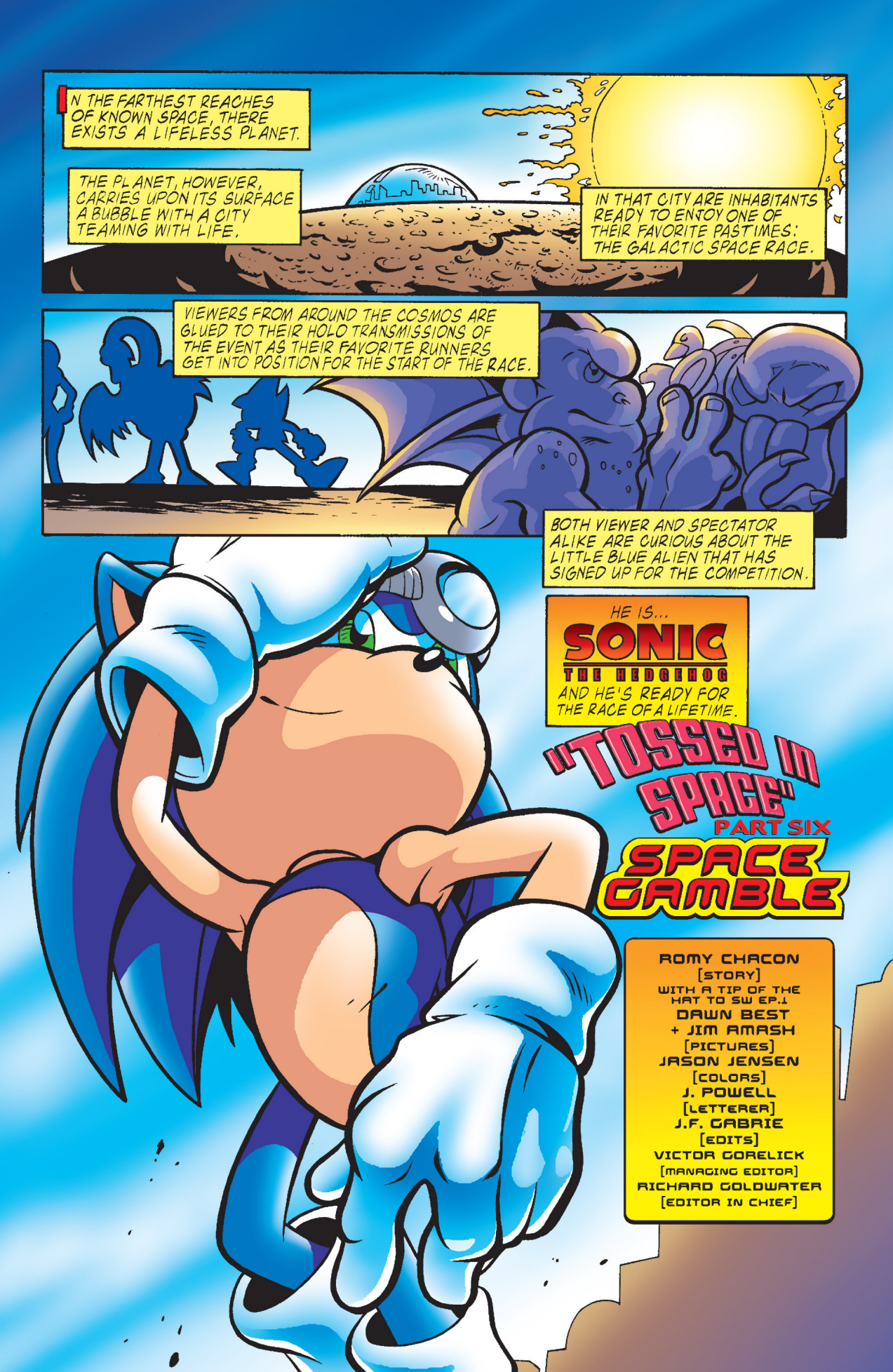
IN THE FARTHEST REACHES OF KNOWN SPACE, THERE EXISTS A LIFELESS PLANET.
THE PLANET, HOWEVER, CARRIES UPON ITS SURFACE A BUBBLE WITH A CITY TEAMING WITH LIFE.
IN THAT CITY ARE INHABITANTS READY TO ENJOY ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE PASTIMES: THE GALACTIC SPACE RACE.
VIEWERS FROM AROUND THE COSMOS ARE GLUED TO THEIR HOLO TRANSMISSIONS OF THE EVENT AS THEIR FAVORITE RUNNERS GET INTO POSITION FOR THE START OF THE RACE.
BOTH VIEWER AND SPECTATOR ALIKE ARE CURIOUS ABOUT THE LITTLE BLUE ALIEN THAT HAS SIGNED UP FOR THE COMPETITION.
HE IS...
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
AND HE'S READY FOR THE RACE OF A LIFETIME.
"TOSSED IN SPACE"
PART SIX
SPACE GAMBLE
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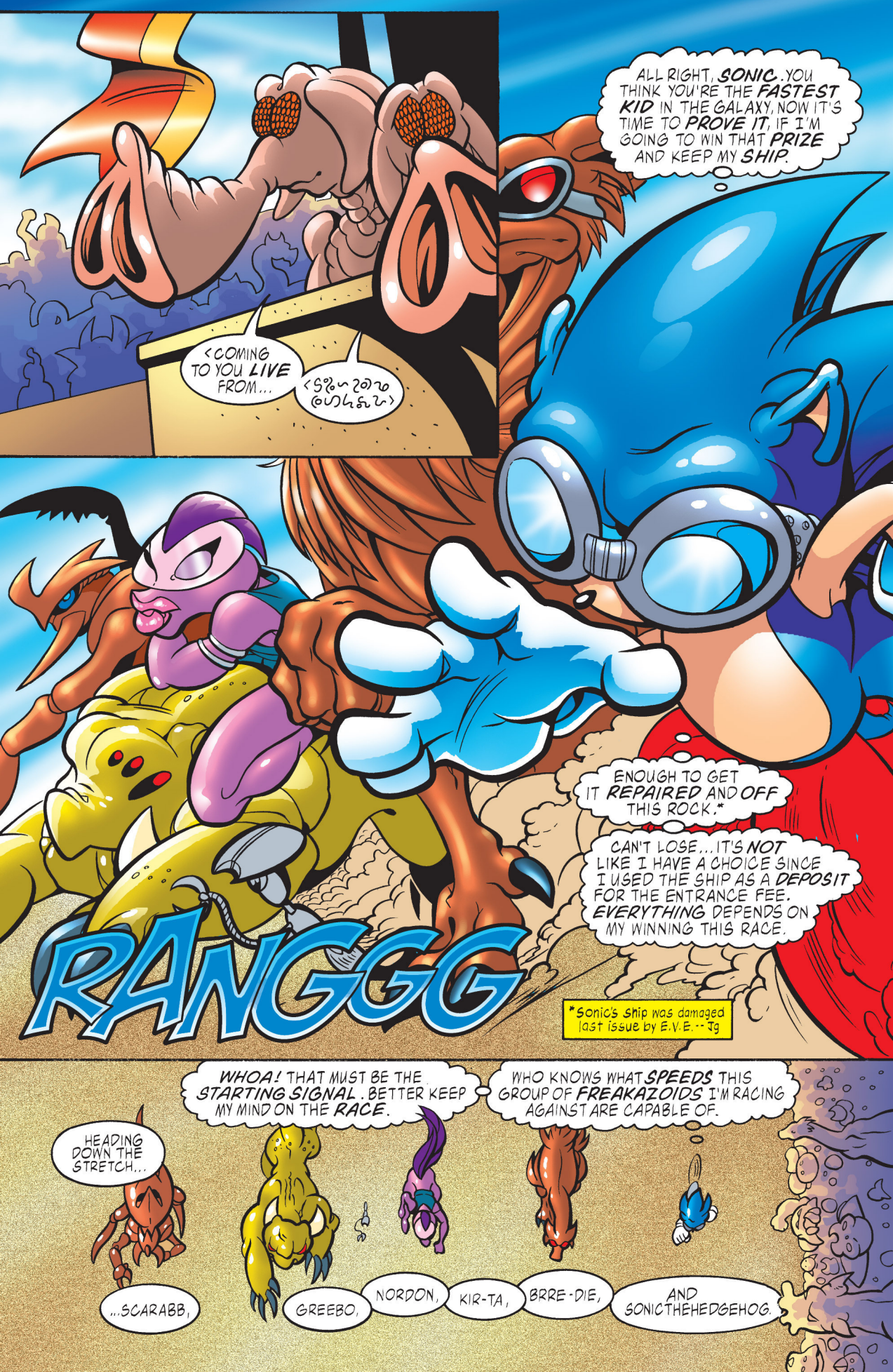
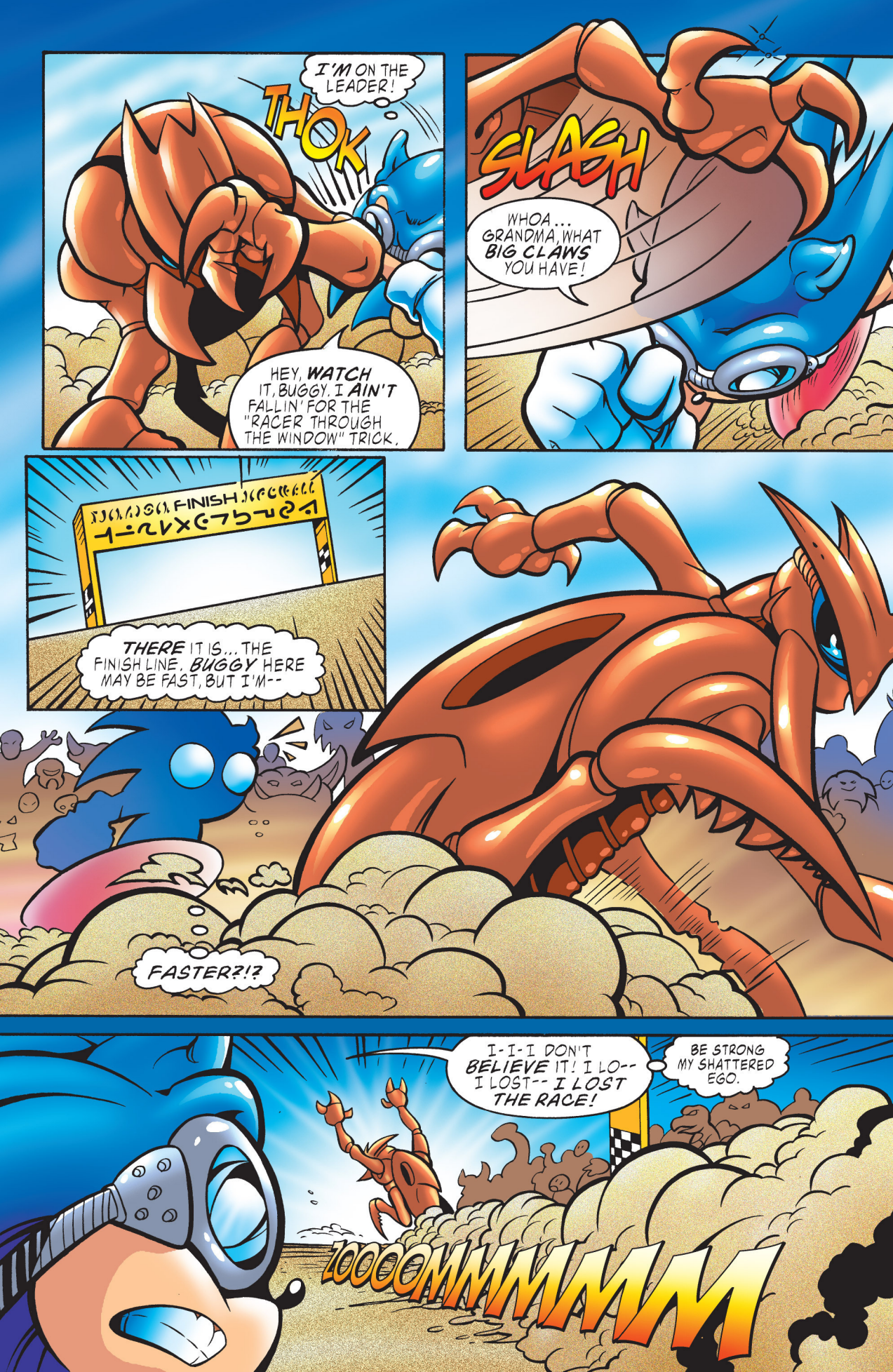
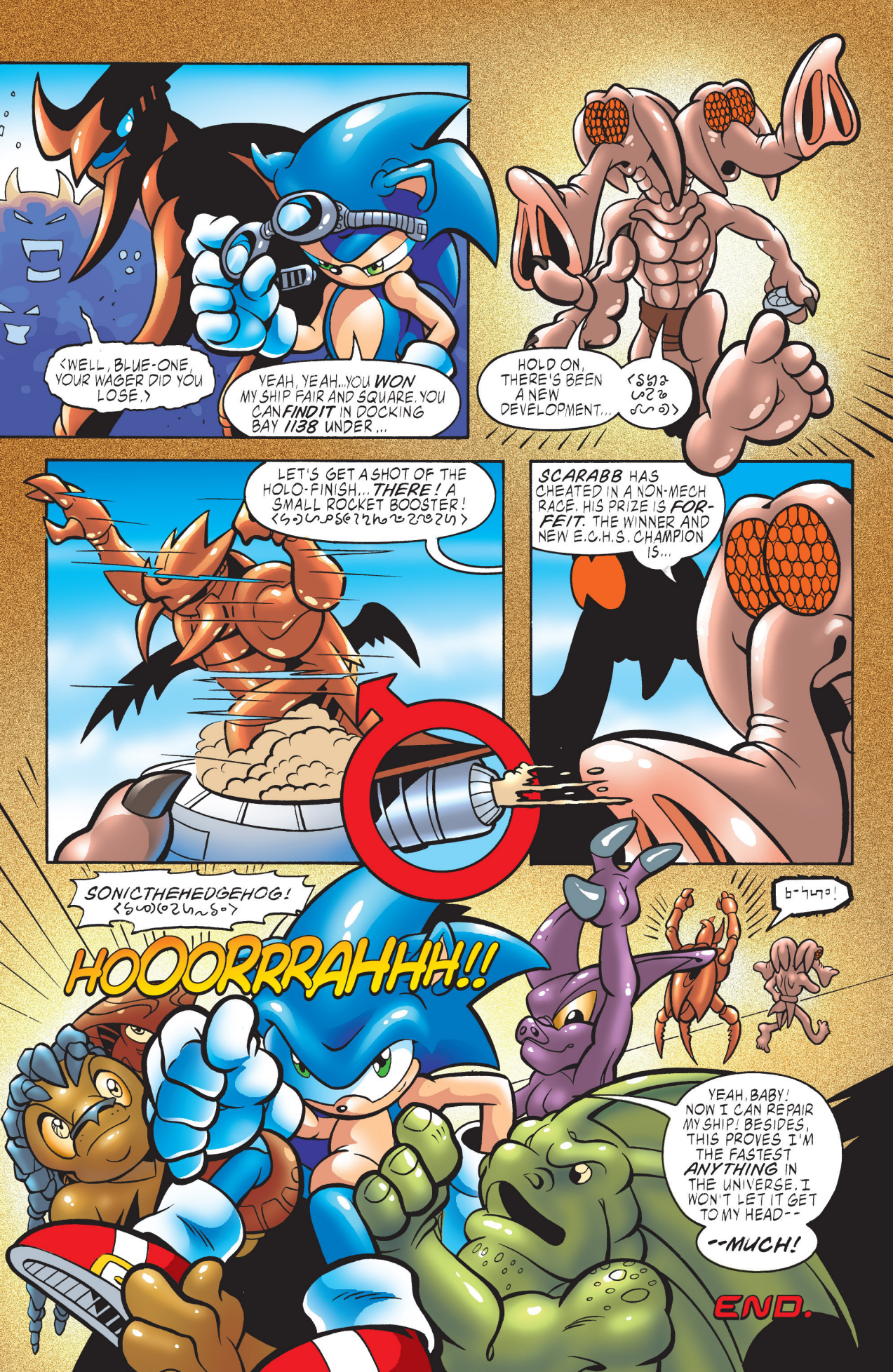
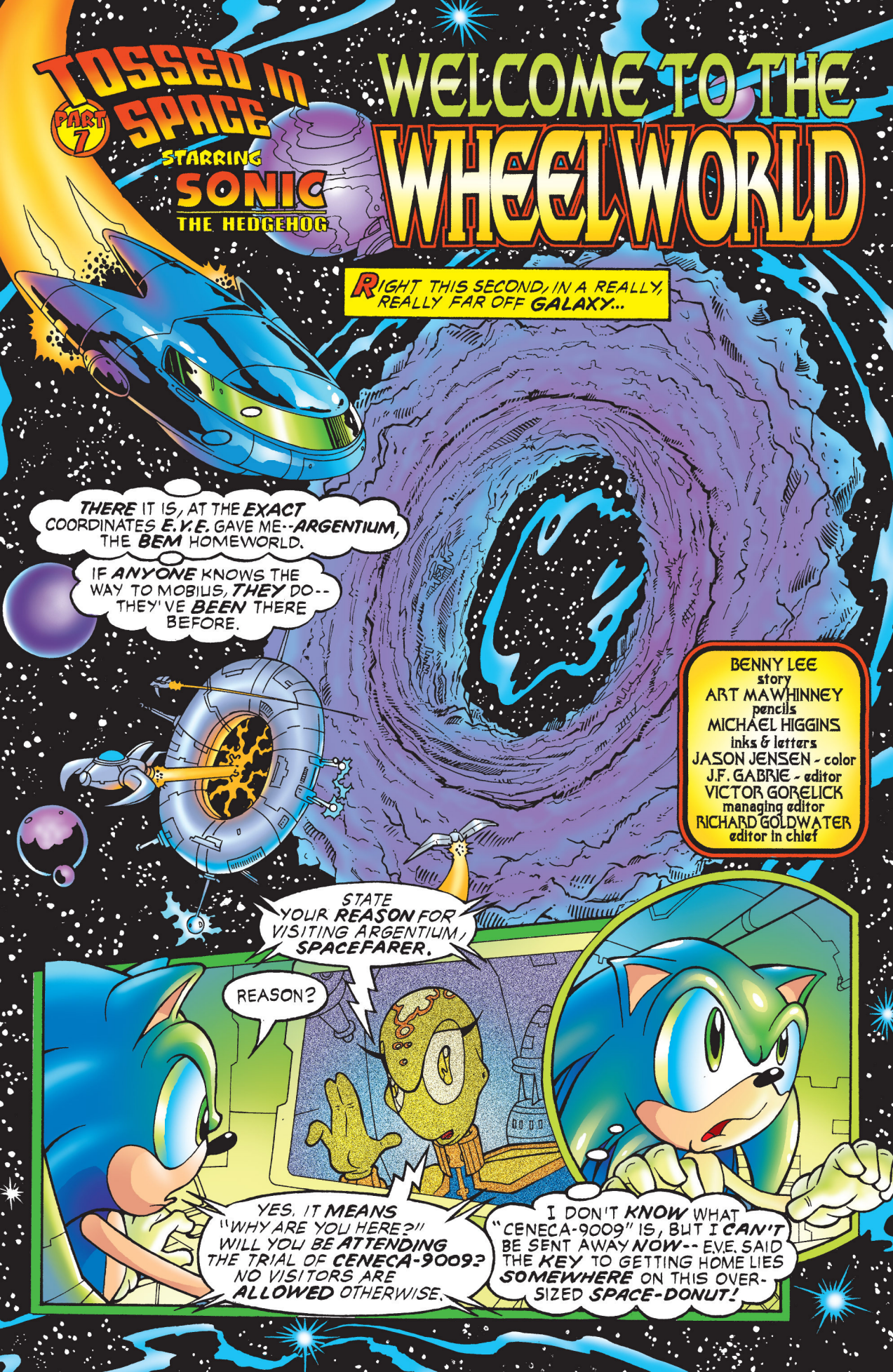

COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM...
ALL RIGHT, SONIC. YOU THINK YOU'RE THE FASTEST KID IN THE GALAXY, NOW IT'S TIME TO PROVE IT. IF I'M GOING TO WIN THAT PRIZE AND KEEP MY SHIP.
RANGG
ENOUGH TO GET IT REPAIRED AND OFF THIS ROCK.*
CAN'T LOSE... IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE SINCE I USED THE SHIP AS A DEPOSIT FOR THE ENTRANCE FEE. EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON MY WINNING THIS RACE.
*Sonic's ship was damaged last issue by E.V.E. -- Jg
WHOA! THAT MUST BE THE STARTING SIGNAL. BETTER KEEP MY MIND ON THE RACE.
WHO KNOWS WHAT SPEEDS THIS GROUP OF FREAKAZOIDS I'M RACING AGAINST ARE CAPABLE OF.
HEADING DOWN THE STRETCH...
...SCARABB,
GREEBO,
NORDON,
KIR-TA,
BRRE-DIE,
AND SONICTHEHEDGEHOG.

NADOOO NE CRAGG!
NOOOOOTCHH!
DUDE, THAT'S NOT COOL. I GUESS ANYTHING GOES IN THIS RACE... OKAY, I'M IN THIRD...
...NOT LETTING ME PASS...
ALL RIGHT, FOXY LIZARD-GIRL. I'LL SHOW YOU A TRICK OR TWO!
I CALL THIS LITTLE MANEUVER "THE SOFTBALL SPECIAL."
SCREEEE!


I'M ON THE LEADER!
THOK
HEY, WATCH IT, BUGGY. I AIN'T FALLIN' FOR THE "RACER THROUGH THE WINDOW" TRICK.
SLASH
WHOA... GRANDMA, WHAT BIG CLAWS YOU HAVE!
FINISH
THERE IT IS... THE FINISH LINE. BUGGY HERE MAY BE FAST, BUT I'M--
FASTER?!?
I-I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I LO-- I LOST-- I LOST THE RACE!
BE STRONG MY SHATTERED EGO.
LOOOOMMMMMM


〈WELL, BLUE-ONE, YOUR WAGER DID YOU LOSE.〉
YEAH, YEAH...YOU WON MY SHIP FAIR AND SQUARE. YOU CAN FIND IT IN DOCKING BAY 1138 UNDER...
HOLD ON, THERE'S BEEN A NEW DEVELOPMENT...
〈SOMETHING'S WRONG〉
LET'S GET A SHOT OF THE HOLO-FINISH... THERE! A SMALL ROCKET BOOSTER! 〈SOMETHING'S WRONG〉
SCARABB HAS CHEATED IN A NON-MECH RACE. HIS PRIZE IS FORFEIT. THE WINNER AND NEW E.C.H.S. CHAMPION IS...
SONICTHEHEDGEHOG! 〈SOMETHING'S WRONG〉
HOOORRRAHHH!!
B-HMM!
YEAH, BABY! NOW I CAN REPAIR MY SHIP! BESIDES, THIS PROVES I'M THE FASTEST ANYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE. I WON'T LET IT GET TO MY HEAD--
--MUCH!
END.


TOSSED IN SPACE
PART 7
STARRING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
WELCOME TO THE WHEELWORLD
RIGHT THIS SECOND, IN A REALLY, REALLY FAR OFF GALAXY...
THERE IT IS, AT THE EXACT COORDINATES E.V.E. GAVE ME--ARGENTIUM, THE BEM HOMEWORLD.
IF ANYONE KNOWS THE WAY TO MOBIUS, THEY DO--THEY'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE.
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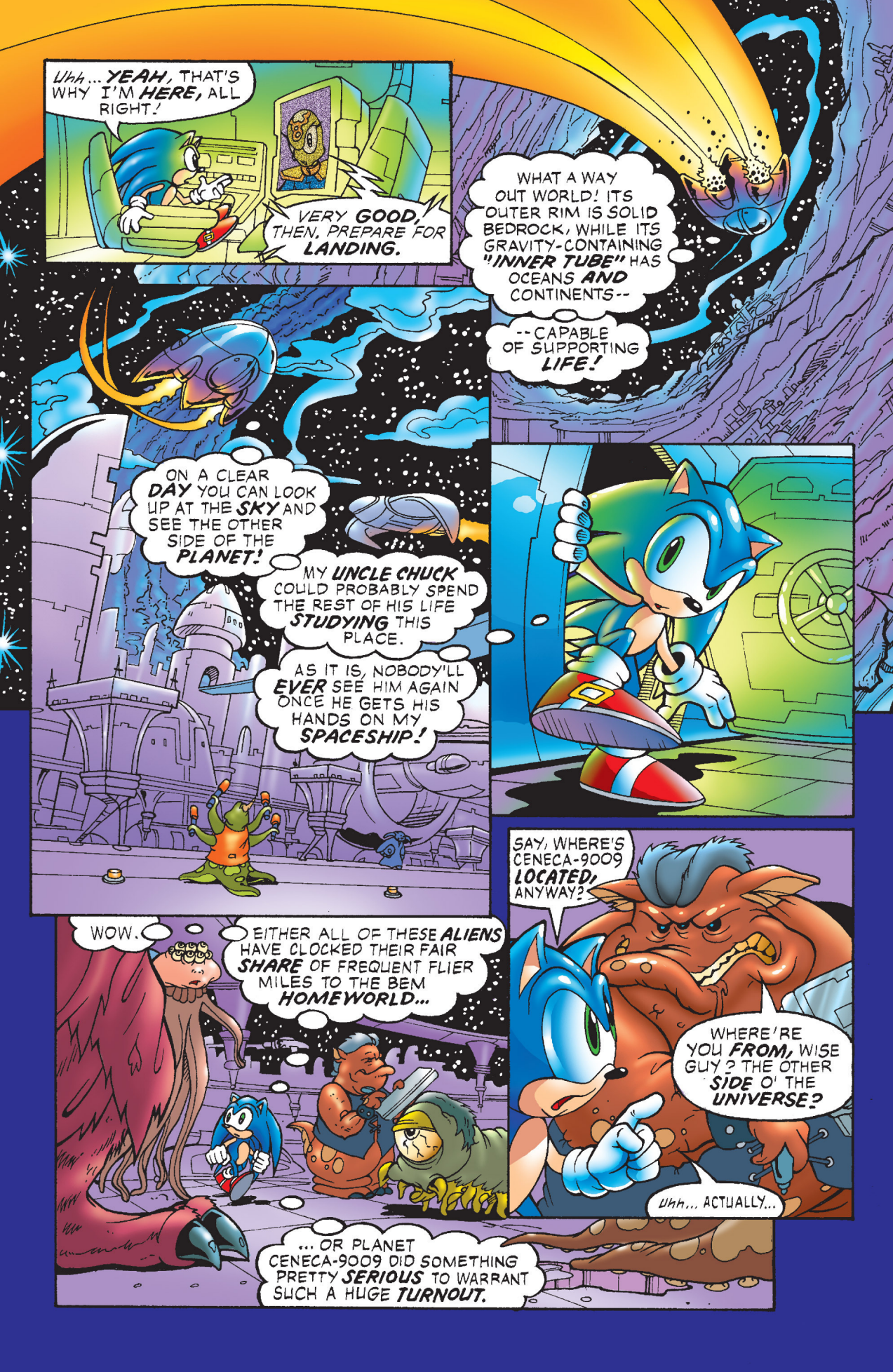
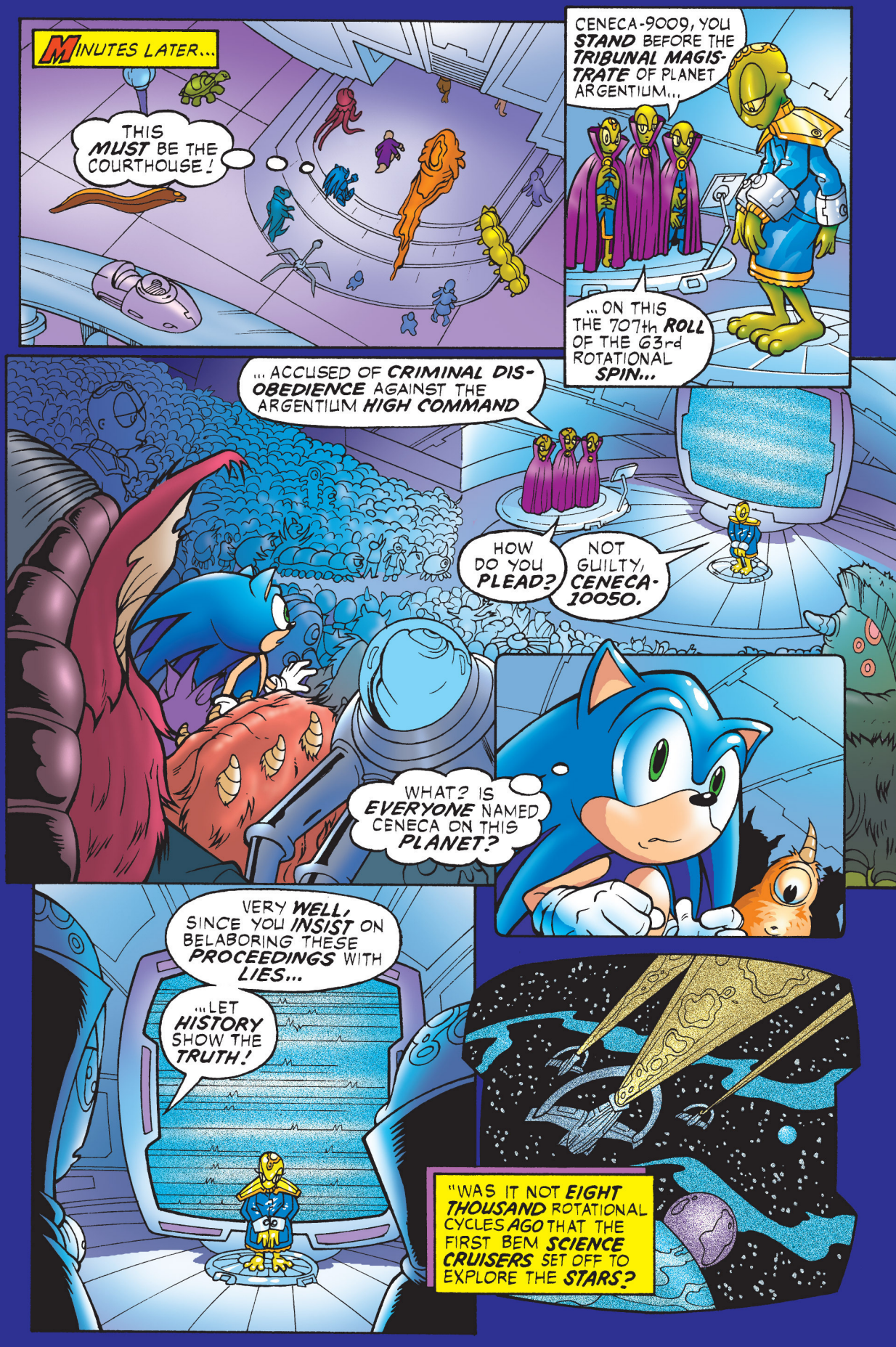
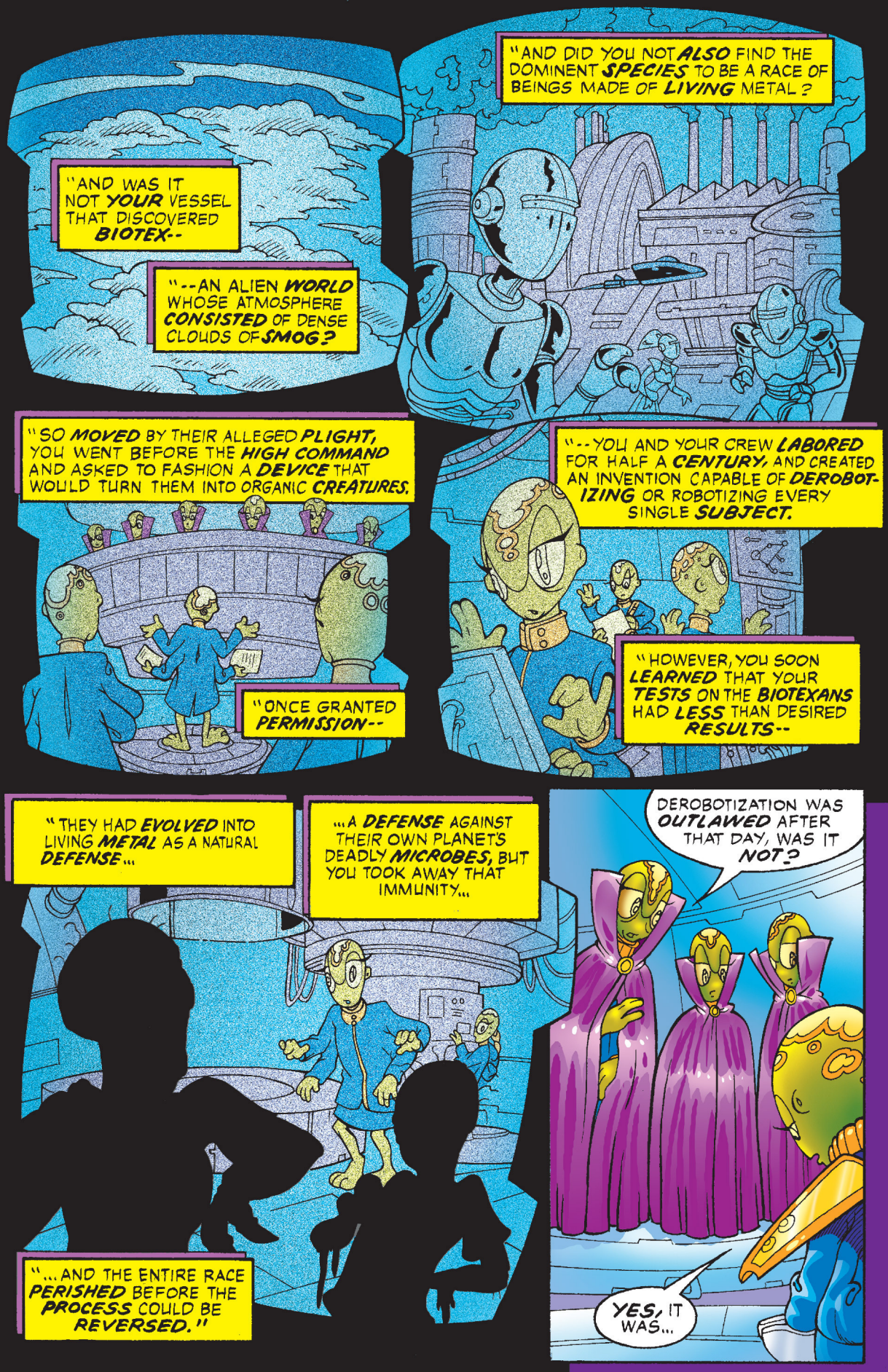
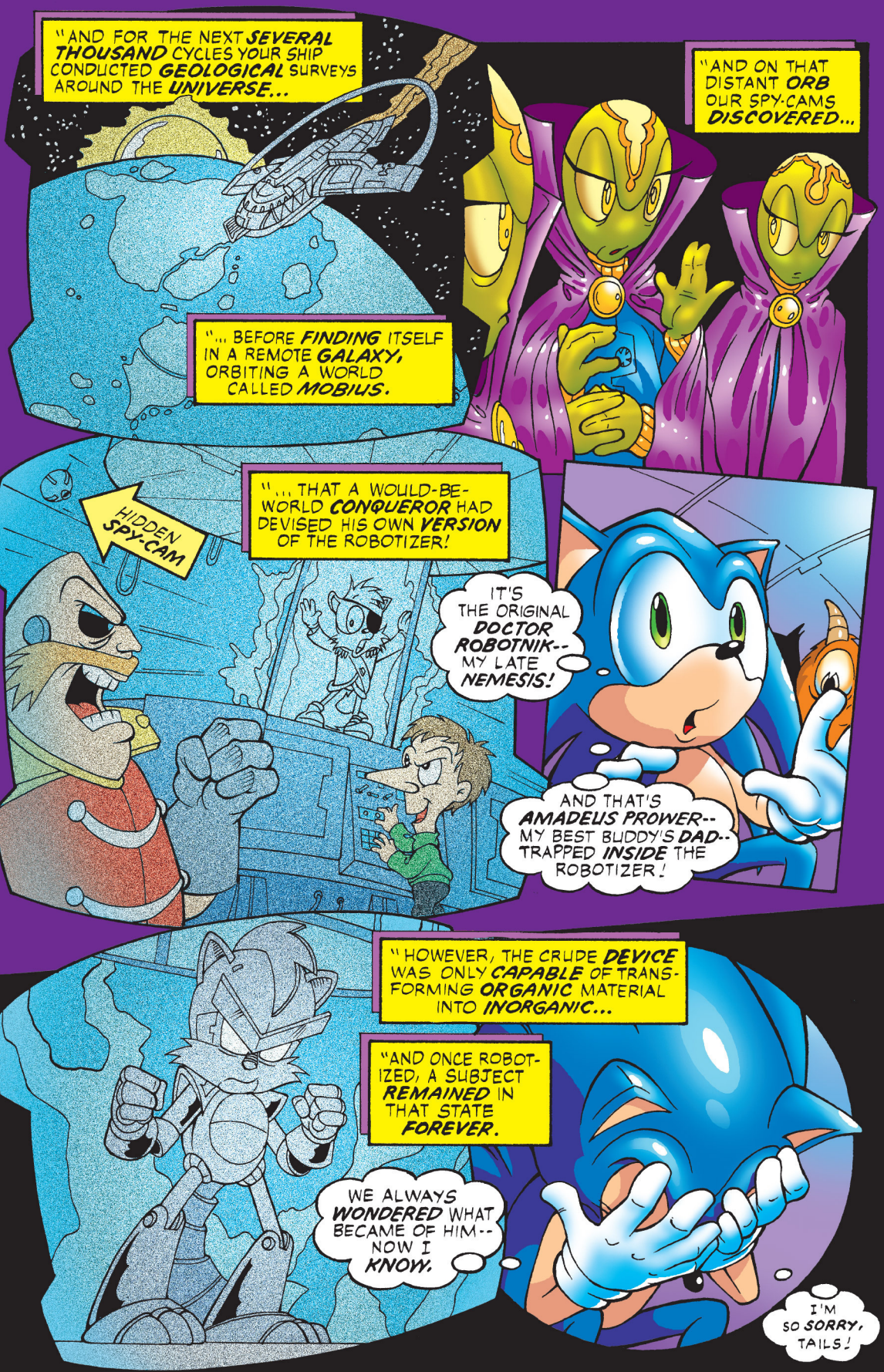
STATE YOUR REASON FOR VISITING ARGENTIUM, SPACEFARER.
REASON?
YES. IT MEANS "WHY ARE YOU HERE?" WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THE TRIAL OF CENECA-9009? NO VISITORS ARE ALLOWED OTHERWISE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT "CENECA-9009" IS, BUT I CAN'T BE SENT AWAY NOW-- E.V.E. SAID THE KEY TO GETTING HOME LIES SOMEWHERE ON THIS OVER-SIZED SPACE-DONUT!


Uhh... YEAH, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE, ALL RIGHT!
VERY GOOD, THEN. PREPARE FOR LANDING.
WHAT A WAY OUT WORLD! ITS OUTER RIM IS SOLID BEDROCK, WHILE ITS GRAVITY-CONTAINING "INNER TUBE" HAS OCEANS AND CONTINENTS--
--CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING LIFE!
ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN LOOK UP AT THE SKY AND SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET!
MY UNCLE CHUCK COULD PROBABLY SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE STUDYING THIS PLACE.
AS IT IS, NOBODY'LL EVER SEE HIM AGAIN ONCE HE GETS HIS HANDS ON MY SPACESHIP!
SAY, WHERE'S CENECA-9009 LOCATED, ANYWAY?
WHERE'RE YOU FROM, WISE GUY? THE OTHER SIDE O' THE UNIVERSE?
Uhh... ACTUALLY...
WOW.
EITHER ALL OF THESE ALIENS HAVE CLOCKED THEIR FAIR SHARE OF FREQUENT FLIER MILES TO THE BEM HOMEWORLD...
... OR PLANET CENECA-9009 DID SOMETHING PRETTY SERIOUS TO WARRANT SUCH A HUGE TURNOUT.

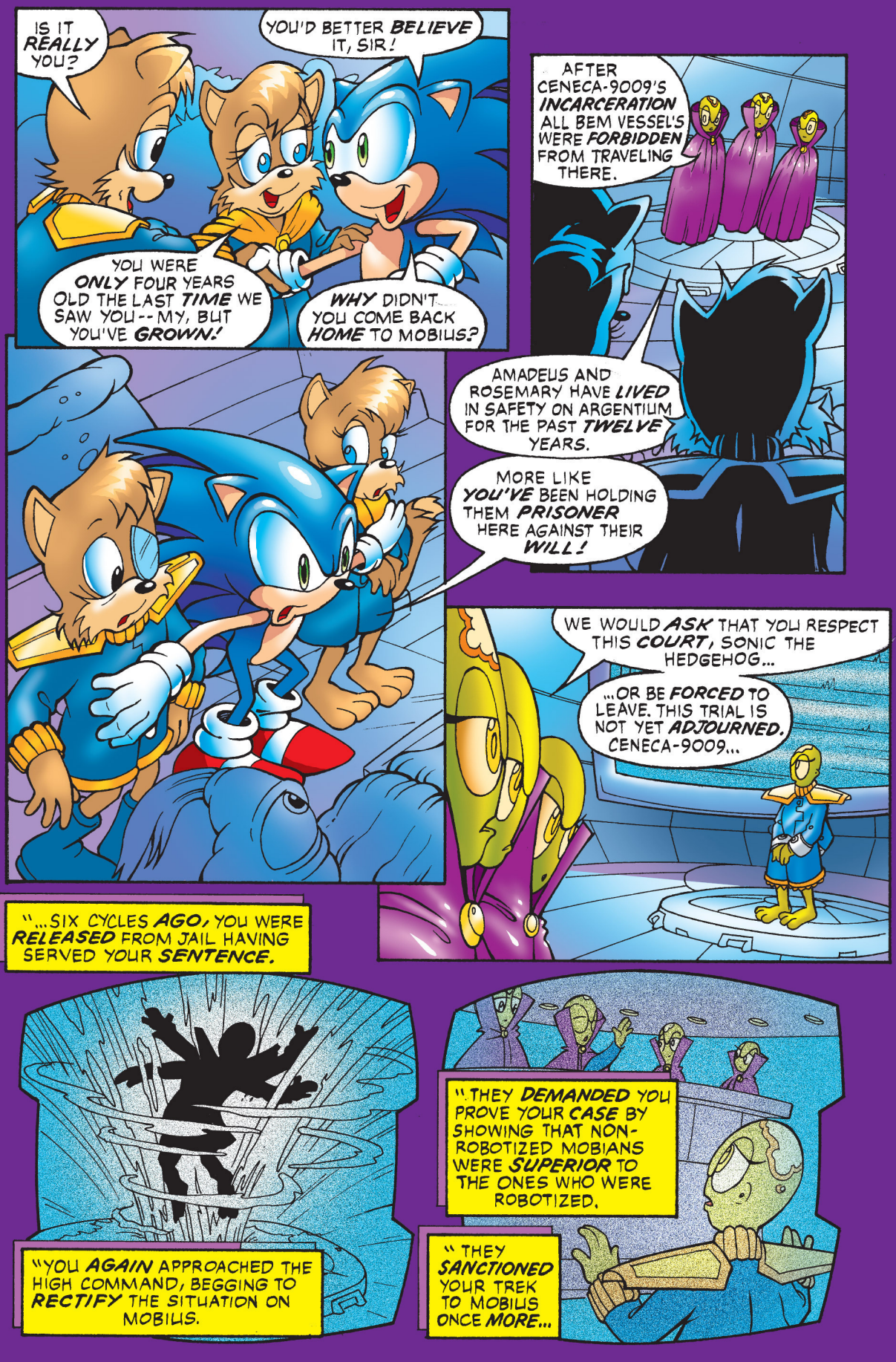

MINUTES LATER...
THIS MUST BE THE COURTHOUSE!
CENECA-9009, YOU STAND BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL MAGISTRATE OF PLANET ARGENTIUM...
...ON THIS THE 707th ROLL OF THE 63rd ROTATIONAL SPIN...
...ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL DISOBEDIENCE AGAINST THE ARGENTIUM HIGH COMMAND
HOW DO YOU PLEAD?
NOT GUILTY, CENECA-10050.
WHAT? IS EVERYONE NAMED CENECA ON THIS PLANET?
VERY WELL, SINCE YOU INSIST ON BELABORING THESE PROCEEDINGS WITH LIES...
...LET HISTORY SHOW THE TRUTH!
"WAS IT NOT EIGHT THOUSAND ROTATIONAL CYCLES AGO THAT THE FIRST BEM SCIENCE CRUISERS SET OFF TO EXPLORE THE STARS?

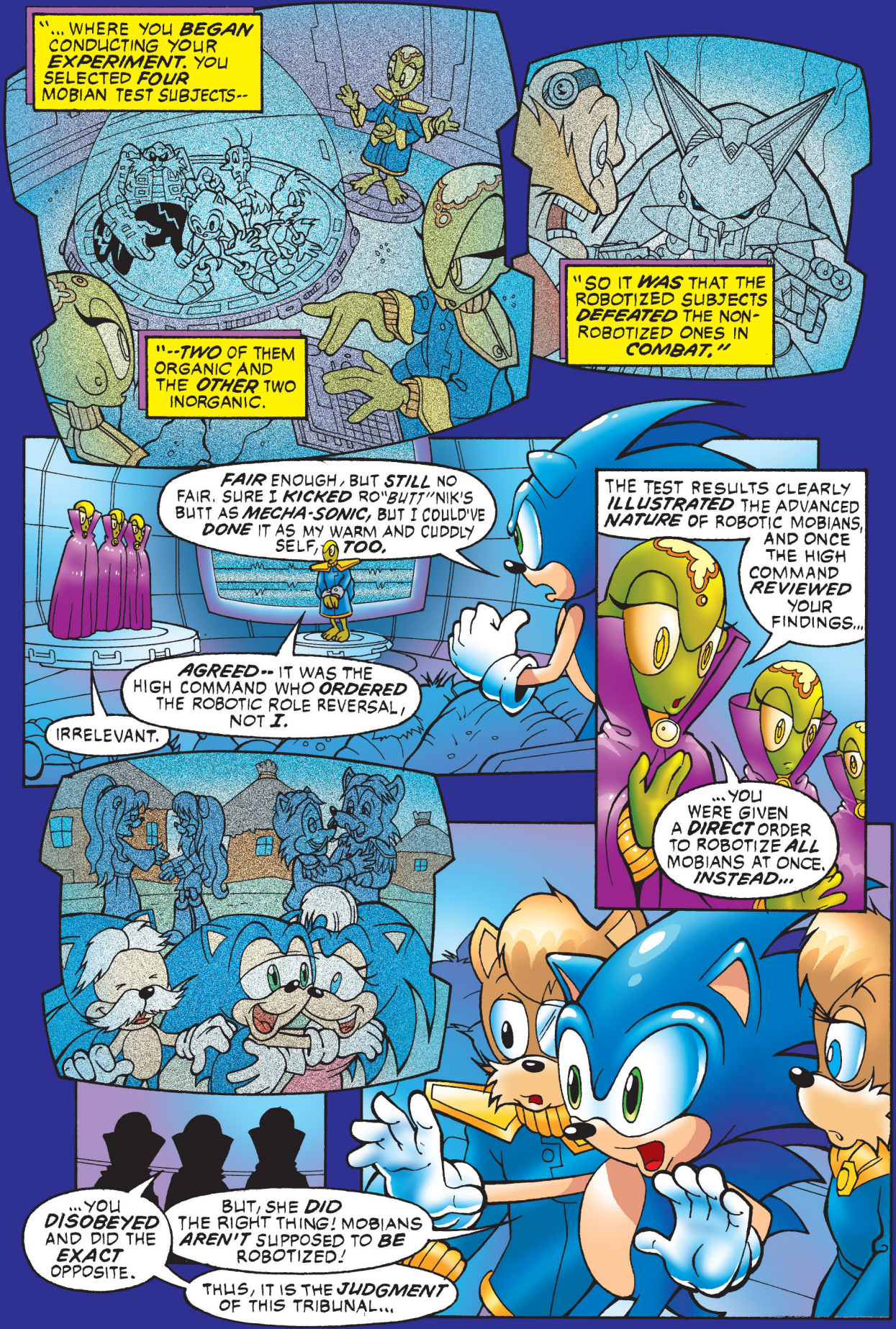

"AND WAS IT NOT YOUR VESSEL THAT DISCOVERED BIOTEX--
"--AN ALIEN WORLD WHOSE ATMOSPHERE CONSISTED OF DENSE CLOUDS OF SMOG?
"AND DID YOU NOT ALSO FIND THE DOMINENT SPECIES TO BE A RACE OF BEINGS MADE OF LIVING METAL?
"SO MOVED BY THEIR ALLEGED PLIGHT, YOU WENT BEFORE THE HIGH COMMAND AND ASKED TO FASHION A DEVICE THAT WOULD TURN THEM INTO ORGANIC CREATURES.
"ONCE GRANTED PERMISSION--
"--YOU AND YOUR CREW LABORED FOR HALF A CENTURY, AND CREATED AN INVENTION CAPABLE OF DEROBOTIZING OR ROBOTIZING EVERY SINGLE SUBJECT.
"HOWEVER, YOU SOON LEARNED THAT YOUR TESTS ON THE BIOTEXANS HAD LESS THAN DESIRED RESULTS--
"THEY HAD EVOLVED INTO LIVING METAL AS A NATURAL DEFENSE...
...A DEFENSE AGAINST THEIR OWN PLANET'S DEADLY MICROBES, BUT YOU TOOK AWAY THAT IMMUNITY...
"...AND THE ENTIRE RACE PERISHED BEFORE THE PROCESS COULD BE REVERSED."
DEROBOTIZATION WAS OUTLAWED AFTER THAT DAY, WAS IT NOT?
YES, IT WAS...

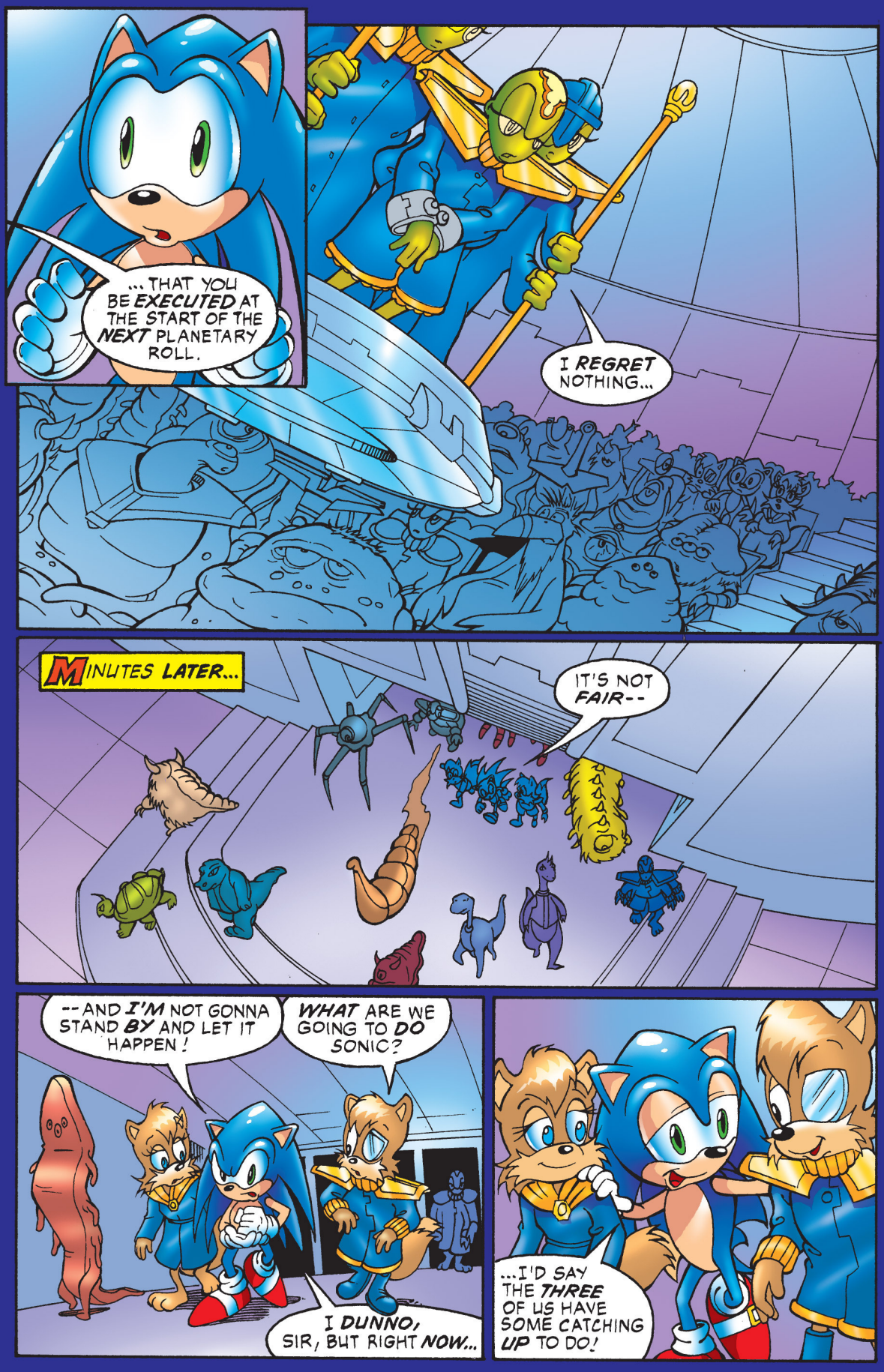

"AND FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL THOUSAND CYCLES YOUR SHIP CONDUCTED GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS AROUND THE UNIVERSE...
"... BEFORE FINDING ITSELF IN A REMOTE GALAXY, ORBITING A WORLD CALLED MOBIUS.
"AND ON THAT DISTANT ORB OUR SPY-CAMS DISCOVERED...
"... THAT A WOULD-BE-WORLD CONQUEROR HAD DEVISED HIS OWN VERSION OF THE ROBOTIZER!
HIDDEN SPY-CAM
IT'S THE ORIGINAL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK-- MY LATE NEMESIS!
AND THAT'S AMADEUS PROWER-- MY BEST BUDDY'S DAD-- TRAPPED INSIDE THE ROBOTIZER!
"HOWEVER, THE CRUDE DEVICE WAS ONLY CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING ORGANIC MATERIAL INTO INORGANIC...
"AND ONCE ROBOTIZED, A SUBJECT REMAINED IN THAT STATE FOREVER.
WE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT BECAME OF HIM-- NOW I KNOW.
I'M SO SORRY, TAILS!

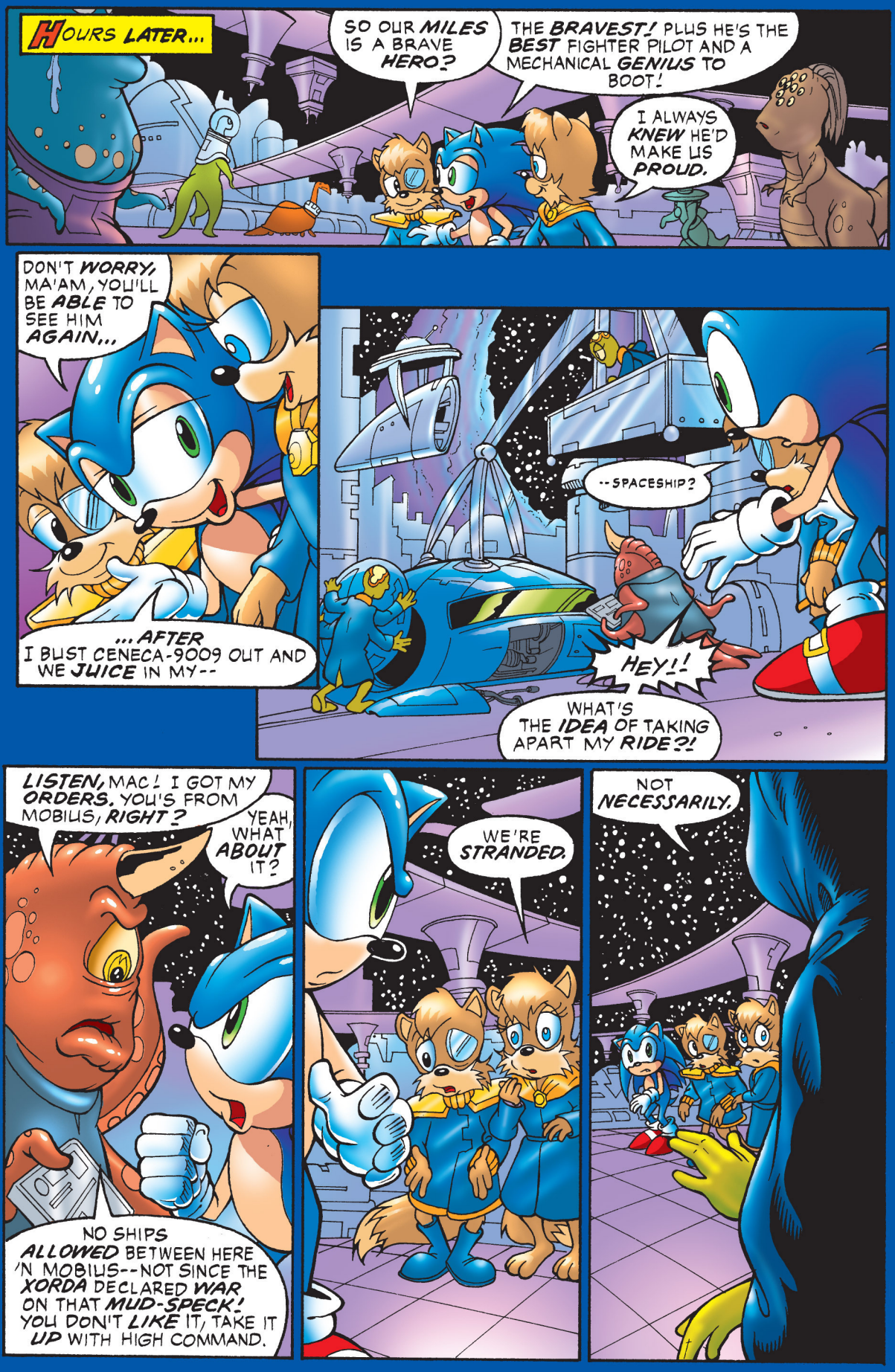
SOON, THIS DESPOT DISPATCHED MECHANIZED SHOCK TROOPS TO ROUND UP THE MASSES FOR THE PROCESS. CORRECT?
CORRECT.
"ONE OF THE CAPTURED, ROSEMARY PROWER, WAS REUNITED WITH HER MISSING SPOUSE ONLY TO FIND--
AMADEUS-- WHAT'S BECOME OF YOU?
WHAT'S GOING TO BECOME OF ALL YOU FLEA-BITTEN FUR-BAGS!
"BUT BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE COULD HAPPEN YOU, CENECA-9009, TRANSPORTED THE HUSBAND AND WIFE FROM THEIR LOCATION...
WHA--?!
"... ONTO YOUR SCIENCE CRUISER WHERE YOU TOOK IT UPON YOURSELF TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS ON AMADEUS PROWER.
"YOUR REQUEST WAS DENIED...
"YOU THEN RETURNED TO ARGENTIUM WITH BOTH MOBIANS AND STOOD BEFORE THE HIGH COMMAND...
"... WHERE YOU ASKED THAT YOUR SISTER BEM INTERVENE AND PUT A STOP TO WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON OFF-WORLD MOBIUS.
"... AND YOU WERE IMPRISONED FOR USING YOUR OUTLAWED INVENTION.

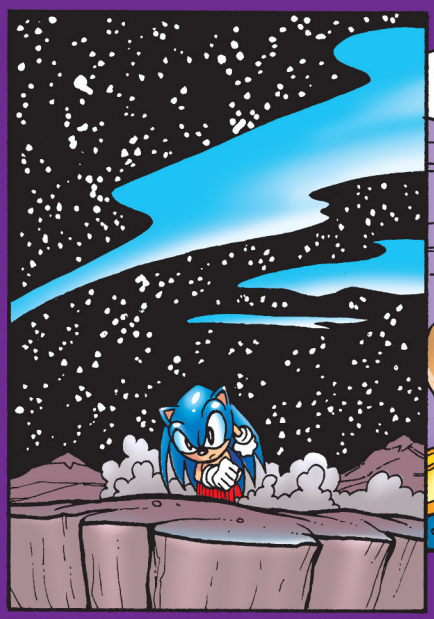
ARE YOU JOKERS KIDDING ME?
THAT'S WAY PAST BOGUS!
!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS OUTBURST?
WHO COULD BE SO BRAZEN AS TO INTERRUPT THESE PROCEEDINGS?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG--THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!
SONIC?
JULES AND BERNIE HEDGEHOG'S BOY?
IT CAN'T BE, BUT SOMEHOW, IT IS!
MR. AND MRS. PROWER...?
MR. AND MRS. PROWER!

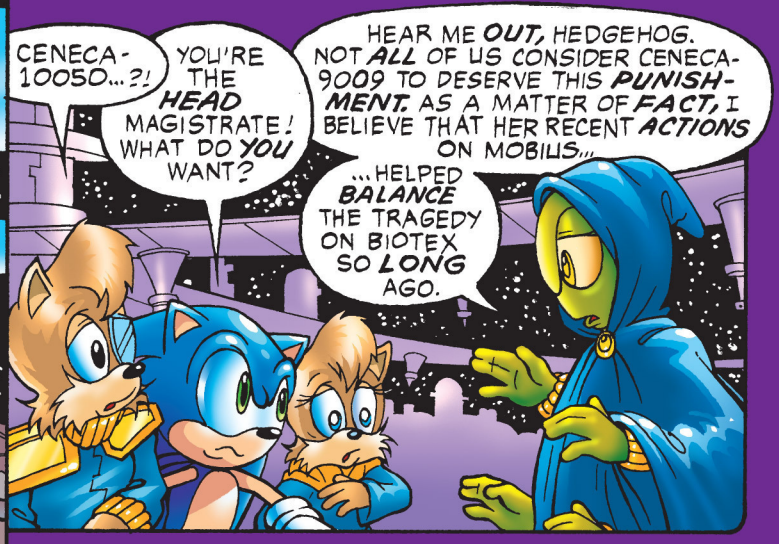

IS IT REALLY YOU?
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT, SIR!
YOU WERE ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD THE LAST TIME WE SAW YOU--MY, BUT YOU'VE GROWN!
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK HOME TO MOBIUS?
AFTER CENECA-9009'S INCARCERATION ALL BEM VESSEL'S WERE FORBIDDEN FROM TRAVELING THERE.
AMADEUS AND ROSEMARY HAVE LIVED IN SAFETY ON ARGENTIUM FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS.
MORE LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING THEM PRISONER HERE AGAINST THEIR WILL!
WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU RESPECT THIS COURT, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...
...OR BE FORCED TO LEAVE. THIS TRIAL IS NOT YET ADJOURNED. CENECA-9009...
"...SIX CYCLES AGO, YOU WERE RELEASED FROM JAIL HAVING SERVED YOUR SENTENCE.
"YOU AGAIN APPROACHED THE HIGH COMMAND, BEGGING TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION ON MOBIUS.
"...THEY DEMANDED YOU PROVE YOUR CASE BY SHOWING THAT NON-ROBOTIZED MOBIANS WERE SUPERIOR TO THE ONES WHO WERE ROBOTIZED.
" THEY SANCTIONED YOUR TREK TO MOBIUS ONCE MORE...

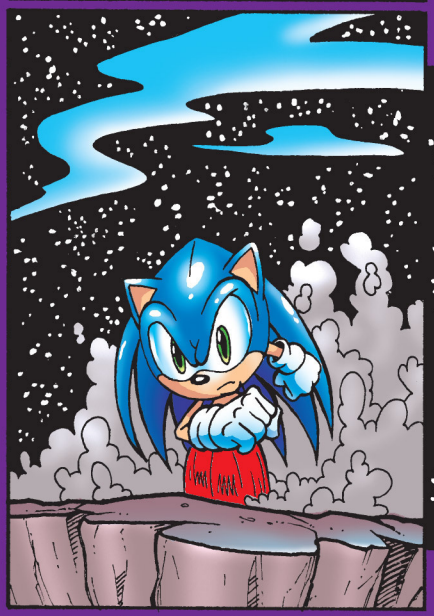

"...WHERE YOU BEGAN CONDUCTING YOUR EXPERIMENT. YOU SELECTED FOUR MOBIAN TEST SUBJECTS--
"--TWO OF THEM ORGANIC AND THE OTHER TWO INORGANIC.
"SO IT WAS THAT THE ROBOTIZED SUBJECTS DEFEATED THE NON-ROBOTIZED ONES IN COMBAT."
FAIR ENOUGH, BUT STILL NO FAIR. SURE I KICKED RO"BUTT"NIK'S BUTT AS MECHA-SONIC, BUT I COULD'VE DONE IT AS MY WARM AND CUDDLY SELF, TOO.
AGREED-- IT WAS THE HIGH COMMAND WHO ORDERED THE ROBOTIC ROLE REVERSAL, NOT I.
IRRELEVANT.
THE TEST RESULTS CLEARLY ILLUSTRATED THE ADVANCED NATURE OF ROBOTIC MOBIANS, AND ONCE THE HIGH COMMAND REVIEWED YOUR FINDINGS...
...YOU WERE GIVEN A DIRECT ORDER TO ROBOTIZE ALL MOBIANS AT ONCE. INSTEAD...
...YOU DISOBEYED AND DID THE EXACT OPPOSITE.
BUT, SHE DID THE RIGHT THING! MOBIANS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ROBOTIZED!
THUS, IT IS THE JUDGMENT OF THIS TRIBUNAL...

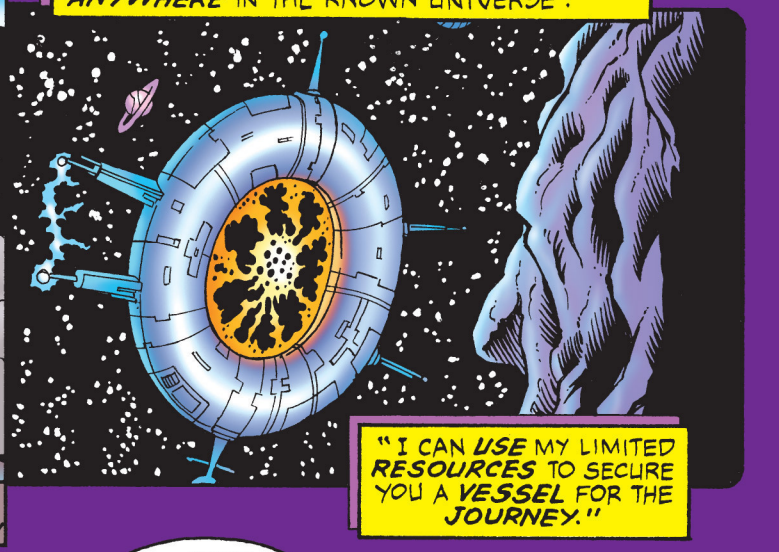

... THAT YOU BE EXECUTED AT THE START OF THE NEXT PLANETARY ROLL.
I REGRET NOTHING...
MINUTES LATER...
IT'S NOT FAIR--
--AND I'M NOT GONNA STAND BY AND LET IT HAPPEN!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO SONIC?
I DUNNO, SIR, BUT RIGHT NOW...
...I'D SAY THE THREE OF US HAVE SOME CATCHING UP TO DO!

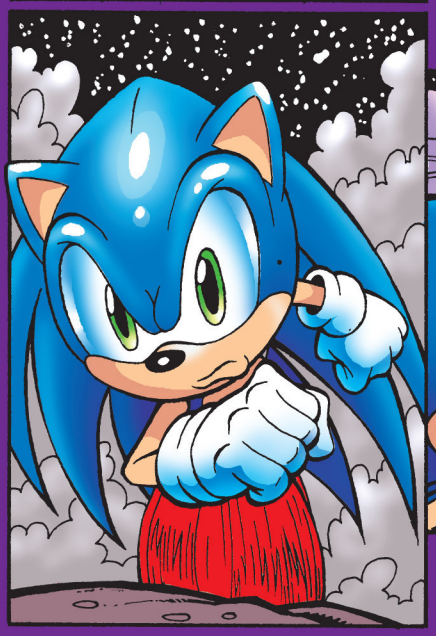

HOURS LATER...
SO OUR MILES IS A BRAVE HERO?
THE BRAVEST! PLUS HE'S THE BEST FIGHTER PILOT AND A MECHANICAL GENIUS TO BOOT!
I ALWAYS KNEW HE'D MAKE US PROUD.
DON'T WORRY, MA'AM, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AGAIN...
...AFTER I BUST CENECA-9009 OUT AND WE JUICE IN MY--
--SPACESHIP?
HEY!!
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF TAKING APART MY RIDE?!
LISTEN, MAC! I GOT MY ORDERS. YOU'S FROM MOBIUS, RIGHT?
YEAH, WHAT ABOUT IT?
NO SHIPS ALLOWED BETWEEN HERE 'N MOBIUS--NOT SINCE THE XORDA DECLARED WAR ON THAT MUD-SPECK! YOU DON'T LIKE IT, TAKE IT UP WITH HIGH COMMAND.
WE'RE STRANDED.
NOT NECESSARILY.

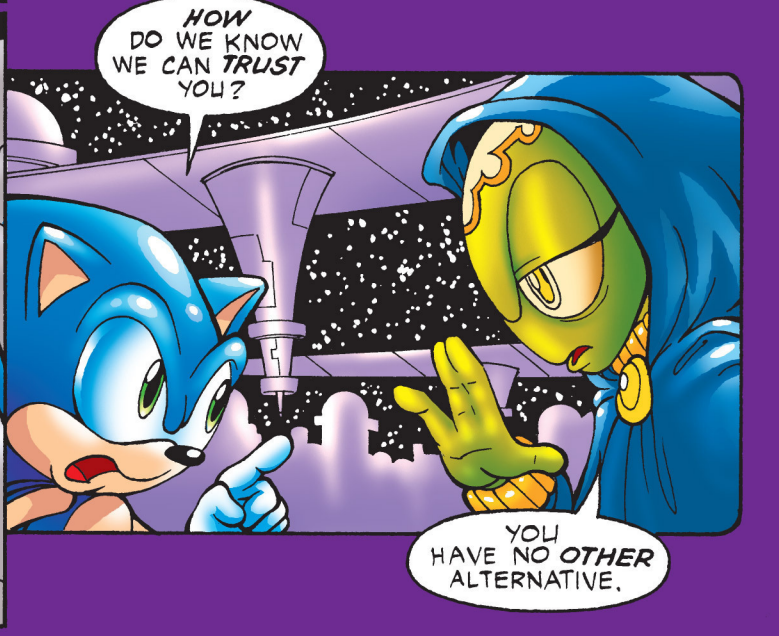


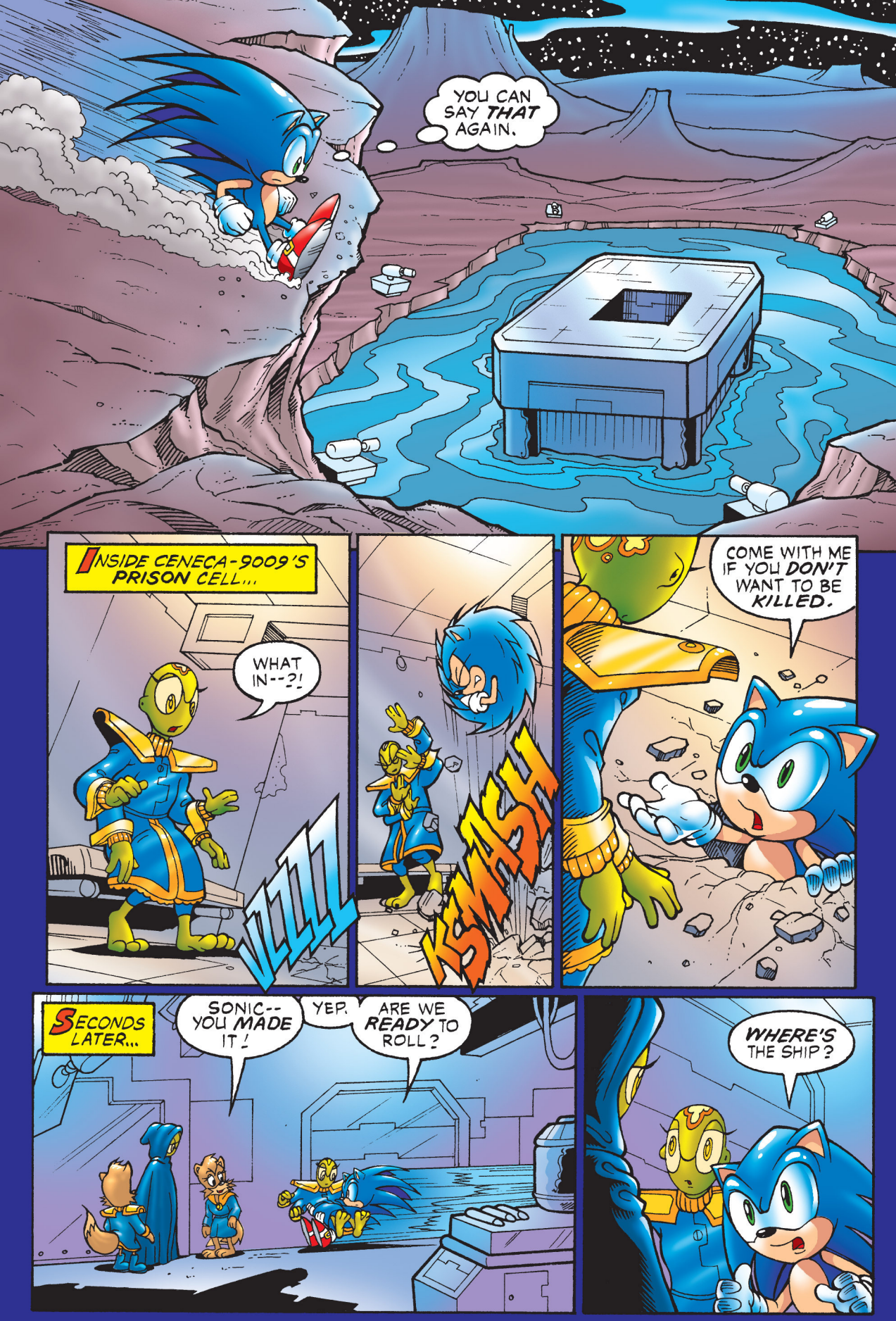

CENECA-10050...?!
YOU'RE THE HEAD MAGISTRATE! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HEAR ME OUT, HEDGEHOG. NOT ALL OF US CONSIDER CENECA-9009 TO DESERVE THIS PUNISHMENT. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I BELIEVE THAT HER RECENT ACTIONS ON MOBIUS...
...HELPED BALANCE THE TRAGEDY ON BIOTEX SO LONG AGO.

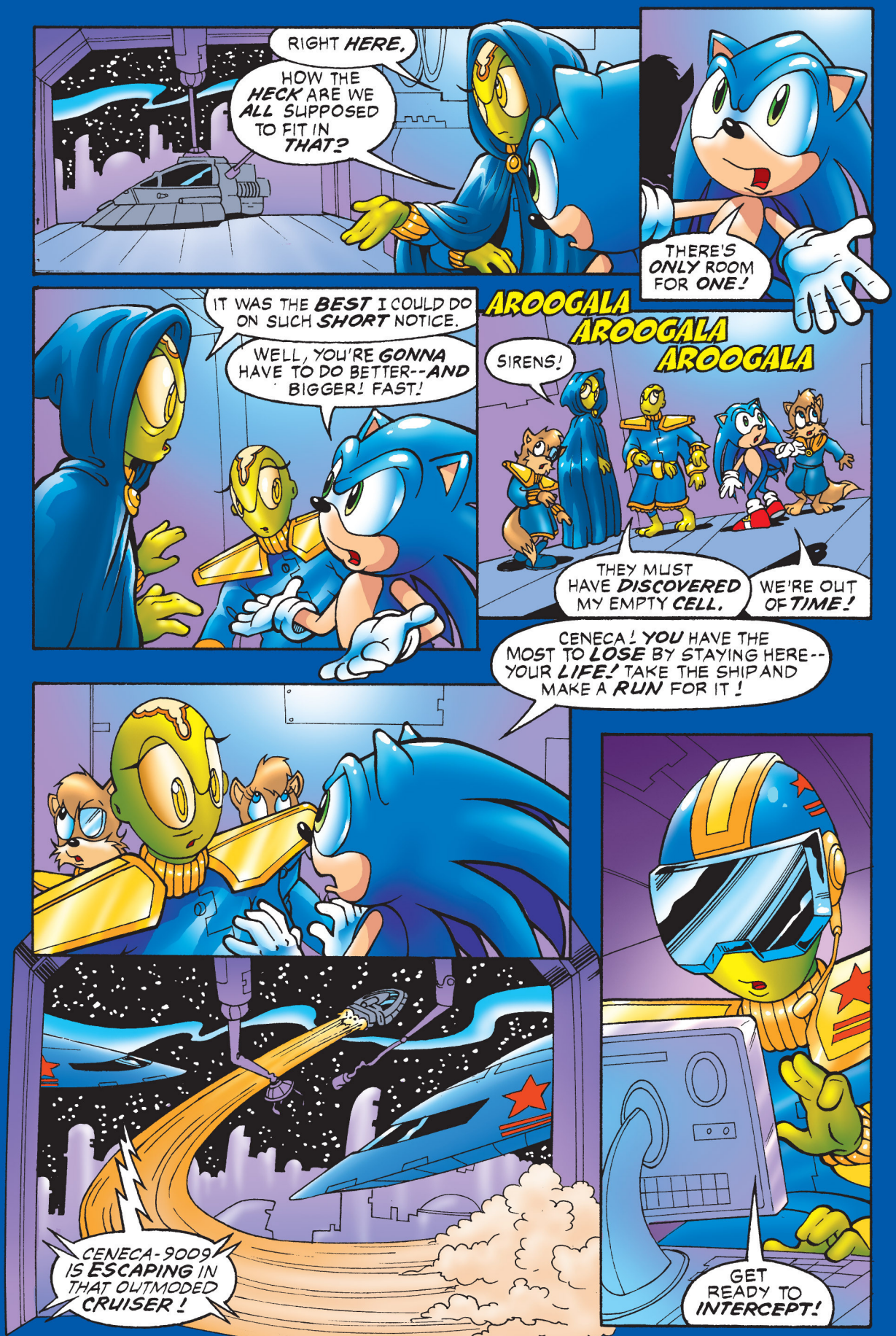


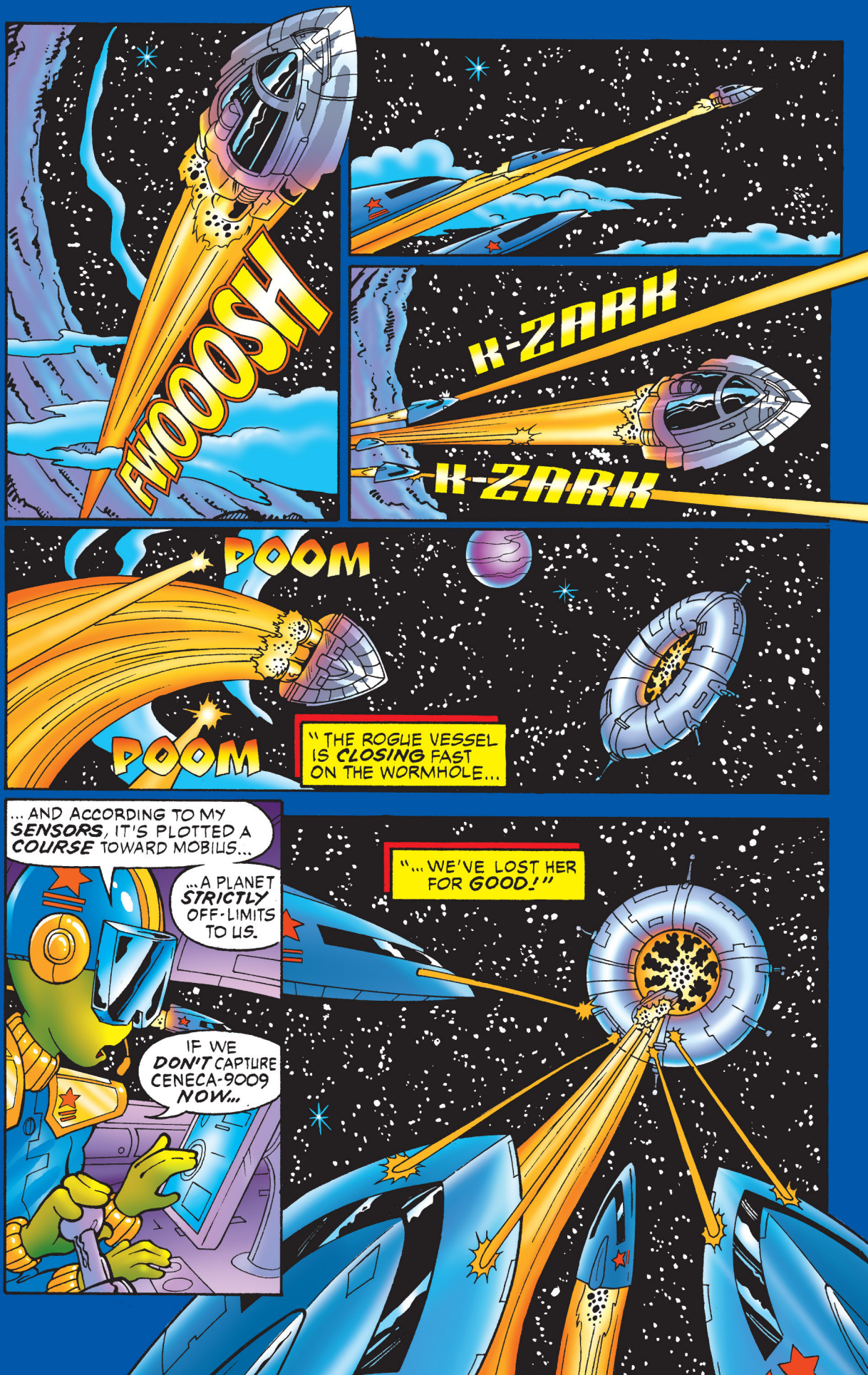

"IN ORBIT, NEAR ARGENTIUM, IS AN ARTIFICIAL WORMHOLE OF BEM DESIGN THAT CAN TAKE YOU-- ALL OF YOU, INCLUDING CENECA 9009-- ANYWHERE IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE.
"I CAN USE MY LIMITED RESOURCES TO SECURE YOU A VESSEL FOR THE JOURNEY."




HOW DO WE KNOW WE CAN TRUST YOU?
YOU HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.


YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.
INSIDE CENECA-9009'S PRISON CELL...
WHAT IN--?!
VZZZZ
KSMASH
COME WITH ME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE KILLED.
SECONDS LATER...
SONIC-- YOU MADE IT!
YEP.
ARE WE READY TO ROLL?
WHERE'S THE SHIP?


RIGHT HERE.
HOW THE HECK ARE WE ALL SUPPOSED TO FIT IN THAT?
THERE'S ONLY ROOM FOR ONE!
IT WAS THE BEST I COULD DO ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
WELL, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO DO BETTER--AND BIGGER! FAST!
AROOGALA AROOGALA AROOGALA
SIRENS!
THEY MUST HAVE DISCOVERED MY EMPTY CELL.
WE'RE OUT OF TIME!
CENECA! YOU HAVE THE MOST TO LOSE BY STAYING HERE--YOUR LIFE! TAKE THE SHIP AND MAKE A RUN FOR IT!
CENECA-9009 IS ESCAPING IN THAT OUTMODED CRUISER!
GET READY TO INTERCEPT!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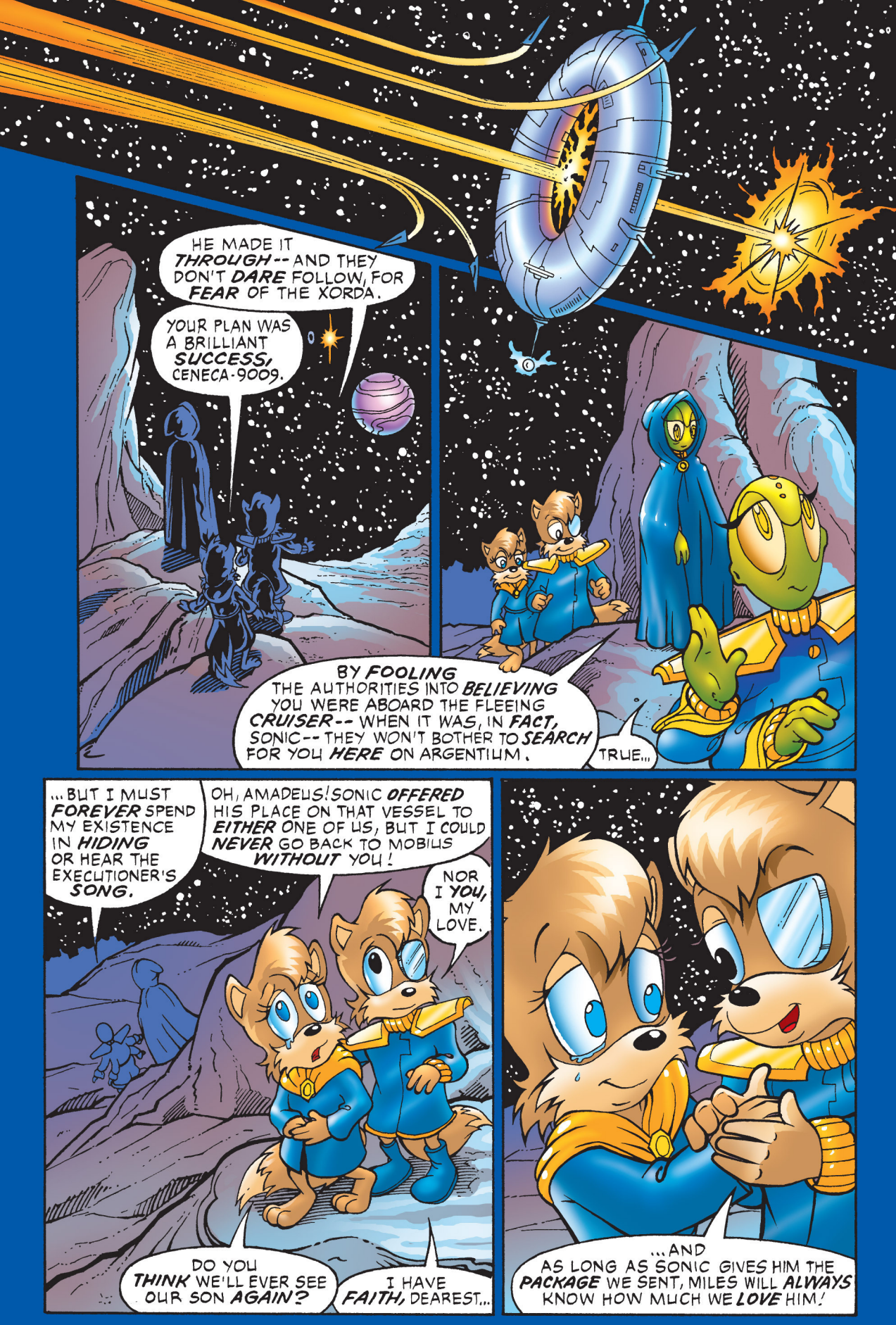
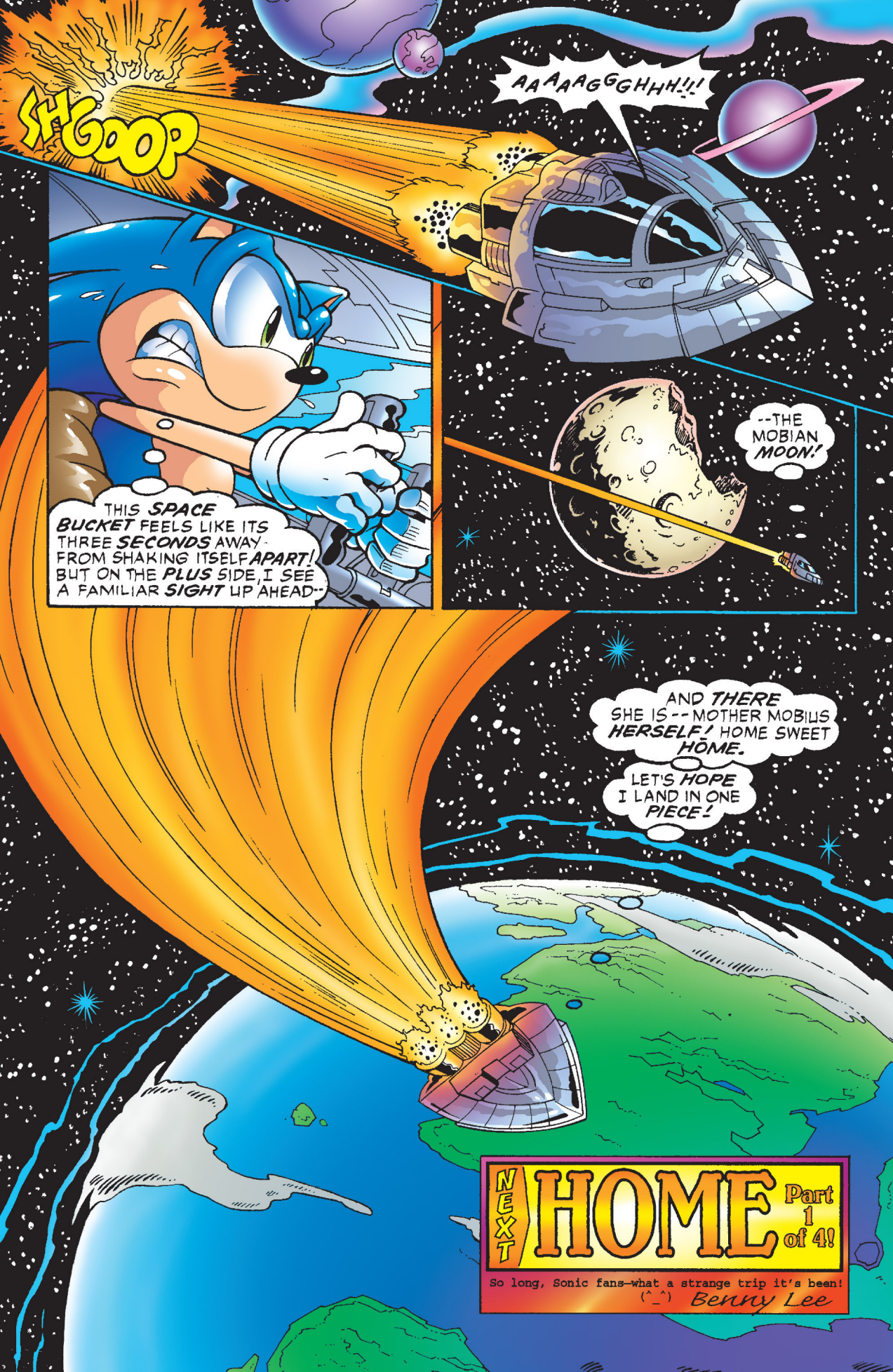
"THE ROGUE VESSEL IS CLOSING FAST ON THE WORMHOLE...
...AND ACCORDING TO MY SENSORS, IT'S PLOTTED A COURSE TOWARD MOBIUS...
...A PLANET STRICTLY OFF-LIMITS TO US.
IF WE DON'T CAPTURE CENECA-9009 NOW...
"... WE'VE LOST HER FOR GOOD!"


HE MADE IT THROUGH -- AND THEY DON'T DARE FOLLOW, FOR FEAR OF THE XORDA.
YOUR PLAN WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS, CENECA-9009.
BY FOOLING THE AUTHORITIES INTO BELIEVING YOU WERE ABOARD THE FLEEING CRUISER -- WHEN IT WAS, IN FACT, SONIC -- THEY WON'T BOTHER TO SEARCH FOR YOU HERE ON ARGENTIUM.
TRUE...
...BUT I MUST FOREVER SPEND MY EXISTENCE IN HIDING OR HEAR THE EXECUTIONER'S SONG.
OH, AMADEUS! SONIC OFFERED HIS PLACE ON THAT VESSEL TO EITHER ONE OF US, BUT I COULD NEVER GO BACK TO MOBIUS WITHOUT YOU!
NOR I YOU, MY LOVE.
DO YOU THINK WE'LL EVER SEE OUR SON AGAIN?
I HAVE FAITH, DEAREST...
...AND AS LONG AS SONIC GIVES HIM THE PACKAGE WE SENT, MILES WILL ALWAYS KNOW HOW MUCH WE LOVE HIM!


SHGOOP
AAAAAGGGHHH!!!
THIS SPACE BUCKET FEELS LIKE ITS THREE SECONDS AWAY FROM SHAKING ITSELF APART! BUT ON THE PLUS SIDE, I SEE A FAMILIAR SIGHT UP AHEAD--
--THE MOBIAN MOON!
AND THERE SHE IS--MOTHER MOBIUS HERSELF! HOME SWEET HOME.
LET'S HOPE I LAND IN ONE PIECE!
NEXT
HOME
Part 1 of 4!
So long, Sonic fans—what a strange trip it's been!
(^_^) Benny Lee